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ACJIC unveils LETS 3.0

(Auburn, Ala.) - Alabama law enforcement officers now have better access to vital information on the persons and vehicles they encounter each day thanks to the newest version of Alabama's Law Enforcement Tactical System, LETS 3.0. The enhanced online system, announced today by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC), is available to authorized law enforcement officers and criminal justice officials through the agency's secure AlaCOP.gov criminal justice web portal.

"LETS 3.0 will allow Alabama's street-level officers to quickly access information securely through the Internet from Public Safety, Corrections, Probation and Parole, the Administrative Office of Courts, Revenue and Public Health," said Maury Mitchell, ACJIC Director. "We've gone to great lengths to make the system easy to use, yet powerful enough to get the officer detailed critical information needed to protect our state."

The latest enhancements to the LETS system provide officers with the ability to save multiple queries into an investigative group, notify the officer whether a person is dead, considered dangerous or has a DNA sample on file, and if a car is stolen. This is the third edition to the nationally acclaimed product, originally developed in 2002, and currently is used by more than 10,000 authorized users.

Access to the LETS system requires authorization from ACJIC and the law enforcement agency's chief executive officer. Access to information systems maintained or operated under the authority of ACJIC is not available to the general public, and the use of these systems is strictly regulated through state and federal laws and regulations. ACJIC is the Alabama state agency responsible for gathering and providing critical information for law enforcement and the criminal justice community, and processes more than 15 million transactions per month.

The announcement was made by ACJIC during a statewide technology symposium held this week in Auburn, Ala. For the past eight years, the Criminal Justice Technology Symposium has provided the state's criminal justice community with training in the latest law enforcement technology. The 2006 symposium, co-sponsored by the University of Alabama CARE Research and Development Laboratory, ACJIC, the Alabama Administrative Office of Court and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama, included sessions on investigating cyber crimes, the use of biometrics and wireless applications, and the new e-Citation that is being used by state troopers and municipalities throughout the state.

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The information systems operated by ACJIC, which is located in Montgomery, Ala., are accessed by more than 15,000 sworn officers in over 900 criminal justice entities within Alabama, and are connected nationally to the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and to all 50 states via the National Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (Nlets).

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